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**Supportive Testimony Regarding  
House Bill 6383 - AN ACT CONCERNING HIRING STANDARDS FOR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS**

My name is Paul Mengold and I am currently the Director of Athletics for the Amity Regional School District serving the towns of Woodbridge, Orange and Bethany. My school system offers a comprehensive athletic program for 1 regional high school and 2 regional middle schools that offer 29 varsity athletic programs with 105 coaches and services over 1,700 high school students and more than 800 middle school students. The administration and success of this entire program is my primary responsibility. Having said that, I have been an athletic director for more than 29 years and during that time my job has been tremendously impacted by significant legislation and as a result the role of the athletic director has increased considerably. The athletic director has to insure that every coach in their program possesses a coaching permit required by law and that those permits are maintained by ongoing CEU's. Most athletic directors attend specific professional development training in order to provide those CEU's to their own staff at no cost. In 2010 legislation required education of coaches specific to concussions and the recognition of such injuries. In 2005 legislation was enacted requiring ALL coaches be evaluated. Other issues such as hazing and bullying, harassment, unreasonable parents, and state association requirements, etc. have also increased the duties of the athletic director position. The main focus of the athletic director is to provide a safe and healthy environment for each and every student athlete. It is a travesty that the position of Athletic Director exists in every school in Connecticut that provides an athletic program and has so many state regulated mandates to deal with and yet there is absolutely no mention of the position in any state statute. Additionally, there has been much work nationally to define the position and its time that Connecticut does so as well.

Therefore, I would like to commend the education committee for initiating House Bill 6383 and urge them to support its passing. I would like to suggest when this law goes into effect a clause be added as to not negatively impact anyone currently serving in the Athletic Director position.

Sincerely,

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